UNADOPTED

Minutes of
Madera County Board of Education
March 13, 2018

Present: Nancy Prosperi, Grant Sturm, Bobby Thatcher, Joe Vived, Sara Wilkins

Also Present: Julie DeWall, Karl Diaz, Mary Donovan, Jessica Drake, Scott Ellingson, Jesus Garcia, Sandra Gostanian, Ulises Hernandez, Betty Klein, Dianna Marsh, Cecilia A. Massetti, Cheryl Mohr, Leslie Neumeier, Jennifer Pascale, Susan Pennell, Tricia Protzman, Jim Sargent

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute

President Sara Wilkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., followed by the flag salute.

2.0 Consideration of Minutes

2.1 Regular Meeting February 13, 2018

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018, as presented, seconded by Grant Sturm and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

3.0 Adoption of Board Agenda

President Wilkins noted changes to the agenda. Item 5.2 was moved after 4.1 and 5.4 was moved to the April meeting due to Steve Carney's absence.

Nancy Prosperi moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Bobby Thatcher and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

4.0 Information

4.1 Public Comment

President Wilkins stated that this time is offered to members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters not listed on the agenda. Board members may listen to, but not discuss matters not on the agenda (G.C. 54954.2). No one came forward to address the Board.

5.2 Ulises Hernandez and Jesus Garcia Speech Presentations

Dr. Massetti introduced CAES Teacher, Betty Klein. Ms. Klein talked about her students who participated in speech contests. Ulises Hernandez participated in the MLK Local Host

competition. Jesus Garcia participated in the rotary competition. She commented that they have both become wonderful speakers.

Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Garcia presented their speeches to the Board. The Board and the Superintendent of Schools acknowledged both students with a certificate.

4.2 Letters and Communications

4.2.1 Rotary Club Literacy Project Presentation

Madera Rotary Club President, Cyndy Dolph, presented two classroom sets of books to the Board of Education for the educational program at Juvenile Hall. The classic books included, *The Jungle Book* and *The Deerslayer*. Ms. Dolph spoke about the Rotary speech competition where Jesus Garcia took first place. Correctional students have traditionally not been allowed to leave Juvenile Hall. However, Ms. Klein worked hard to get permission for her students to present their speeches. Rotarians have been visiting Ms. Klein's class for several years. They provide inspirational speeches and information to her students.

4.2.2 Recognition of Sandra Gostanian – CAHPERD Teacher of the Year

Dr. Massetti announced that Sandra Gostanian was awarded Teacher of the Year by California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance for her expertise in the field of adapted physical education. She will be invited to present at the conference in San Diego this coming November. Ms. Gostanian was presented with a certificate from Madera County Superintendent of Schools and Madera County Board of Education. Ms. Gostanian commented her job with MCSOS has been the best job she has ever had. She thanked Cheryl Mohr for believing in her abilities and Paige Sanders for being a remarkable program director and mentor.

4.2.3 Introduction of Jessica Drake

Dr. Massetti stated that Cheryl Mohr will be retiring in January 2019. An assistant director has been hired. Ms. Mohr introduced Jessica Drake who came to MCSOS from Chowchilla Elementary School District where she served as a vice principal and director of special education. Ms. Drake will begin with MCSOS tomorrow.

4.3 Non-School Sources

Dr. Massetti reported and provided copies on the following:

- Camarena Health has opened a health clinic on the Madera South High School campus. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held April 6.
- The Fresno Compact honored Dr. Sandra Caldwell, Reedley College President. SCCCD recently purchased 30 acres in the Oakhurst area for a new campus.
- Madera Unified School District had a community meeting at the Conference Center. They discussed their priorities and marketed their "We Believe Madera Unified" campaign.
- Madera County Independent Academy will be hosting a Parent Appreciation Day (Open House) on March 22, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

4.4 Madera County School Boards Association Executive Committee Meeting Report

Grant Sturm reported the next Executive and General Membership meetings will be held on August 29, 2018, at Reagan Elementary. The MCSBA Student Recognition Sub-committee will meet on April 4th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at MCSOS in Room 2C.

4.5 Communications Committee Report

Nancy Prosperi reported the committee met on March 7th. Spring Fling will be on May 3rd at the Conference Center. The Instructional Technology Committee will consider spending some of the allocation on assisted communication devices for integrated sites. The CTE building is in the bid phase and the renovations of MCSOS Building 2 are nearly completed. Early Start will begin their move sometime in April. Mr. Carney provided an update on the budget, which is more favorable than expected. MCIA just completed a mid-cycle WASC review. PTC construction students installed solar panels through GRID. Three male and one female construction student attended Apprenticeship Day. The end-of-year activity dates are listed in the *Educational News and Views* newsletter. In Special Education, there is an increase in the students eligible for services. MCSOS is looking for classroom space. Tricia Protzman reported on the job fair, which was open to individuals searching for classified and certificated positions. An update on the YUSD status was provided. MCSOS has had a positive impact on the district.

4.6 Madera County Foundation Board Report

None

4.7 Member Report(s)

None

5.0 Information from the Superintendent and Staff

5.1 Financial Report

Julie DeWall reported the original adopted budget projected the Unrestricted General Fund would increase by $295,113. The First Interim Report showed a decrease from the original budget of about $173,000 to $122,000. The Second Interim Report shows little change from the First Interim Report.

On the restricted side, the adopted budget showed a decrease in the ending balance for the General Fund of $2.4 million. The First Interim Report showed an improvement of about $328,000. The Second Interim Report shows an improvement of $461,000. This brings the deficit spending on the restricted side to about $1.6 million. The increase is due to Special Education revenue. For the 2018-2019 school year, MCSOS has projected to deficit spend by $1.4 million and for the 2019-2020 year MCSOS will deficit spend by about $784,000.

5.3 PROTECT Program

Scott Ellingson gave a brief overview of Project PROTECT. He is the school liaison for human trafficking awareness. An assembly bill was passed mandating human trafficking awareness education in 7th and 9th grades. Mr. Ellingson distributed a tip card, explaining that every bullet point has hundreds of examples connected to it. About 40 million people are trafficked every year for sex and labor. One person sex trafficked equals $500,000 a year to the person trafficking the individual. Trafficking occurs in cities and towns where there are large conventions or sporting events. Labor trafficking can include children working at fruit stands all

hours of the day or selling candy bars in parking lots. Gangs are getting out of the drug and gun industry and into human trafficking.

There are four types of traffickers: The Romeo – promises love and compassion, The Gorilla - keeps the individual by force, The CEO – offers a job, and Familial – traffics their children for drugs and to help pay bills.

Traffickers prey on children with low self-esteem and the homeless. It is reported that one in five homeless children are trafficked. There are 1,500 homeless children in Madera County. That equates to 300 homeless, trafficked children in Madera. 13 - 15 is the common age of children being trafficked. The Department of Social Services (DSS) cannot legally hold children. If it is suspected that the child is in danger, DSS suggests calling law enforcement because they can hold the child.

5.4 AB 1200 Presentation

Item 5.4 was move to the April meeting.

6.0 Old Business

None

7.0 Closed Session

None

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consideration Issuance of Temporary County Certificates

Tricia Protzman asked the Board to ratify the issuance of Temporary County Certificates (TCCs) from February 1-28, 2018. TCCs are issued in order to authorize the individual to work while the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing reviews his/her waiver request, emergency permit, initial and/or renewal credential application packet.

Joe Vived moved to ratify the TCCs, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

8.2 Consideration Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

Julie Dewall provided the Board with a list of equipment declared obsolete. Items included: PCs, printers, projectors, monitors, an input device, a tape auto loader, servers, a router, a T.V. cart, a storage tray, a FAX machine, docking stations, and a movile activity player.

Grant Sturm moved to approve the list of surplus/obsolete equipment as submitted, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

Discussion: Joe Vived asked how the equipment is declared obsolete. Ms. DeWall responded that IT pulls the equipment from sites for evaluation. IT determines whether technological equipment should be obsoleted.

8.3 Consideration Second Interim Report/Budget Revision

Ms. DeWall stated the Second Interim Report was prepared with the following assumptions. It uses LCFF and Special Education revenues that are conservatively prepared. The County run court and community schools show an increase of about twelve ADA. Charter School ADA is showing a decrease of 42.7 ADA. There is no change in Special Education. The COLA is budgeted at 1.56% for 2017-2018, 2.51% for 2018-2019, and 2.8% 2019-2020. All special education classes are operating. Many teaching and specialist positions continue to be hard to fill. Outside contract agencies are being utilized to fill some of the open positions. STRS and PERS rates were increased in the Second Interim to meet the revised rates for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020. We continue to see increases in this area. The local state revenue budgets have been updated to reflect the grants and local funding from other local agencies. Step and column increases are budgeted at 1.5%. The increases that were ratified by CSEA and CTA are included in the Second Interim. The current projected year totals show an increase in the unrestricted balance for the 2017-2018 general fund of $125,000 and for 2018-2019 an increase of about $6,500. In 2019-2020 a decrease of $161,081 is predicted. These numbers do not include the Special Education bill-backs.

The restricted ending balance is expected to decrease in 2017-2018 by approximately $1.6 million, in 2018-2019 by $1.4 million, and in 2019-2020 by $623,000. The primary reason for the projected decrease in the restricted ending balance is in the area of special education. Note that the economy is proving to be stronger than expected and there is talk of an additional round of one-time monies in 2018-2019.

MCSOS is projecting to maintain at least a minimum reserve level in the current year and next two years. Retiree benefits will continue to be problematic as we move forward. In addition, the minimum wage increase will affect our costs and the projected COLA is barely covering the cost of steps and columns.

Joe Vived asked about the amount of retirement benefits due. Dr. Massetti responded there is $22 million in liability. Right now, MCSOS is trying to set money aside. MCSOS is using the “pay-as-you-go” model and we have a couple of million dollars set aside. Each program is charged a portion to cover the amount of current retirees.

Sara Wilkins asked how many retirees are left on the lifetime benefit list. Dr. Massetti explained, in 1977, the Board and Superintendent gave all administrators lifetime benefits. In 1978, all teachers and classified staff received the same benefits. Information was received that lifetime benefits could bankrupt a district. In 1990, the Board took action and changed the plan. Employees hired between 1979 – April of 1990 who worked for MCSOS for 20 years and didn’t pay into STRS or PERS

working for another agency could access lifetime benefits. If the employee was hired in 1977 or 1978 and did not pay into PERS or STRS working for another agency, they could access the lifetime benefits when they retired.

Grant Sturm moved to accept the positive certification, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

8.4 Official 2018 Delegate Assembly Ballot, County Delegate Region 10
Joe Vived moved to elect Sara Wilkins as the 2018 CSBA County Delegate for Region 10, seconded by Bobby Thatcher and approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

8.5 Consideration Madera County Independent Academy Charter Renewal Petition
Jim Sargent and Leslie Neumeier presented the Charter Renewal Petition for MCIA. Mr. Sargent explained the original charter was written in 2008. MCIA is requesting the renewal for 5 years. A summary regarding the substantial changes of the program was provided. Mr. Sargent reviewed the MCIA Charter Renewal Petition in detail with the Board.

Ms. Neumeier said they finished the mid-cycle WASC review today. This allowed MCIA to look at all of the critical mandates. Assessment is one of those mandates. MCIA is aligning assessment criteria with state mandates.

Bobby Thatcher moved to approve the MCIA charter renewal for a five-year period seconded by Joe Vived and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

8.6 Consideration Educational Resources and Services Instructional Materials Recommendations
Susan Pennell presented a list of instructional materials to be added to the Educational Resources and Services collection. She commented that all DVD's have been reviewed to make sure they meet Ed Code and are interesting for students. Ms. Pennell brought with her the kit for *My Lucky* Day, which included puppets, a book, and a communication board created by Lori Kump to assist non-communicative students in understanding the story.

Joe Vived moved to accept the list of instructional materials for inclusion in the MCSOS ERS collection, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

8.7 Consideration Resolution #6, Request for Attendance Funding for a Day of Closure at Wilson Preschool

Dianna Marsh explained that anytime MCSOS closes a preschool due to a health hazard, a resolution is required to receive funding for the closed session. On January 10, 2018, the morning session at Wilson Preschool was suspended due to a broken water main. The pipe was fixed in time for the afternoon session.

Nancy Prosperi moved to approve Resolution #6, Request for Attendance Funding for a Day of Closure at Wilson Preschool, seconded by Grant Sturm and approved by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr.

9.0 Other

9.1 Consideration Excusing Member from Absence at a Meeting for Purposes of Member Participation in Conference(s)

Per Board Bylaw 9350, a member may be excluded from a meeting to attend conferences or due to special circumstances as long as they have met an attendance requirement of 75% of the preceding 12 months of board meetings including special meetings.

Dr. Massetti explained that Cathie Bustos was out due to illness and Alfred Soares, Jr., was attending Legislative Day in Sacramento.

Nancy Prosperi moved to excuse Cathie Bustos and Alfred Soares, Jr., seconded by Bobby Thatcher and carried by unanimous vote.

10.0 Adjournment

Bobby Thatcher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Nancy Prosperi and carried by unanimous vote.

Ayes: Prosperi, Sturm, Thatcher, Vived, Wilkins
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Bustos, Soares, Jr

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecilia A. Massetti, Ed.D. Executive
Secretary

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